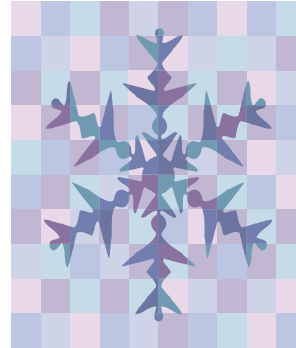


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Happy Holidays from
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From: Fay, Cheryl and Shelley



The newsletter committee welcomes your contributions and comments. Submissions are needed by the 15th of each month.

- Editor & Chairperson
Nicole Burkholder-Mosco
- Web Site Postings
Carina Howell
- Kudos
John Wilson
- Photos by
Tara Mitchell
- Library News
Rick Lilla
- Content/Layout
Cheryl Orndorf

PA Faculty H&W Benefits for Domestic Partners

I am pleased to inform you that The Pennsylvania Faculty Health and Welfare Trust will make domestic partner benefits retroactive to July 1, 2007 (see below). More information will be forthcoming. Please alert your membership to collect/keep receipts for covered services that occurred between July 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007.

ELIGIBILITY RULE CHANGE – Same-Sex Domestic Partners – *The Eligibility Rules of the Fund have been amended to include plan benefits for eligible same-sex domestic partners and their dependent children effective **July 1, 2008**, for benefit claims incurred on and after **July 1, 2007**. Details regarding this change and forms will be provided to the Faculty closer to the effective date. Faculty who may qualify for this provision are encouraged to keep records of benefit claims that may be eligible for reimbursement by the Fund.*

Thank you to Fred Keen, chair of the H&W trustees, for spearheading the effort to obtain this retroactivity. Also, thanks to APSCUF's other trustees, John Lattanzio and Carol Holland, for their work on this effort. I understand that the vote to do this was unanimous, so the PASSHE trustees (Tom Krapsho, Pam Brand and James Dillon) also deserve thanks for this accomplishment.

-taken from email from Pat Heilman dated 12/6/07

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Jason Bronner (Art) was chosen for a solo exhibition of his drawings and paintings at East Stroudsburg University. The exhibition was held in September and October 2007.

Nicole Burkholder-Mosco (English) presented a paper entitled "Gothic Bodies of Beauty: Attraction and Repulsion in Polidori's The Vampyre and Coleridge's Christabel" at the International Conference on Romanticism in Baltimore, MD, 18-21 October 2007.

David Curtin (Performing Arts) recently played solo recitals featuring the music of Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Tchaikovsky at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Lock Haven and in Price Auditorium on the LHUP campus. David also played a special Steinway with a case designed by Count Albrecht Goertz--best known as the designer of the BMW 507 sports car--at the Fairfield BMW dealership on 13 December 2007.

Curt B. Dixon (Health Science) had an article entitled "The effect of an after-school exercise program on percent body fat using leg-to-leg bioelectrical impedance analysis in children" accepted for publication in Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport.

Marianne Hazel (Elementary Education) made a presentation on international education and mentoring at the Fall 2007 Conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators. Marianne also serves on the PAC-TE planning committee.

Dongdong Jia (Geology & Physics) obtained \$10,000 from Boston Technology to participate in a Department of Defense grant to develop nanocomposite glass.

Karen Kline (Communication & Philosophy) and students in the Communication Media program produced a live telecast featuring candidates for Clinton County Commissioner on 29 October 2007. Moderated by Robert Rolley, publisher of the Lock Haven Express, the 90-minute debate included questions from the studio audience. The program aired live on Channel 96 of the local Comcast cable system serving the Lock Haven community and also as streaming video on the www.lhup.edu website. It was also telecast subsequently on the Williamsport and Mill Hall cable systems.

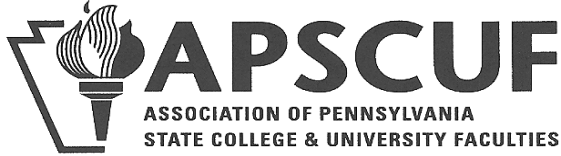
Marjorie Maddox Hafer (English) has written a short-story collection that became a semifinalist for the 2007 Spokane Prize for Short Fiction Book Competition, sponsored by Eastern Washington University.

Beth McMahan (Health Science) presented at the Chamber of Commerce's Youth Leadership Lycoming Annual Education workshop at Pennsylvania College of Technology on 17 December 2007. The workshop theme is "Writing & Living Your Personal Mission Statement," and the purpose is to assist participants in utilizing their personal treasures/talents to become more effective leaders initiating positive change in their respective schools.

Marian Tzolov (Geology & Physics) attended a conference, "Commercialization of Nanomaterials," in Pittsburgh, PA, 11-13 November 2007, with three students, Sean Gephart, Nicholas Drayer, and Jenna Girardi, presenting posters on their undergraduate research.

John H. Wilson (English) published "Elijah and the Beginning of Evelyn Waugh's Men at Arms" in Papers in Language & Literature (Fall 2007).

Cengiz Yakut (Health & Physical Education) presented "The roles of motor control deficiencies in adapting multi-component visual-motor tasks in children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder" at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in San Diego, CA, 3-5 November 2007.



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December 1, 2007

Dear Colleague:

This letter is important to you only if you deduct union dues or fair share payments as an ordinary and necessary business expense on your Federal Income Tax Return. If you do not deduct union dues or fair share payments, you do not need to read any further. If you do deduct union dues or fair share payments, the following is very important.

Since January 1, 1994, an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code prohibits the deduction of that portion of your union dues or fair share payments which is used for lobbying purposes. Mack Gerberich and Associates has advised us that for 2006 the non-deductible percentage of union dues which was used for lobbying was nine (9%) percent. Therefore, ninety-one (91%) percent of union dues are deductible. Non-member fair share payments equate to ninety (90%) percent of union dues and all of these payments are deductible.

If you use a professional tax preparer, please remember to provide this information.

Sincerely,

Patricia I. Heilman
President

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